

**Maryland's HealthChoice §1115 Waiver Renewal  
Evidence-Based Home Visiting Services (HVS) Community Health Pilot**

**Summary**

As part of Maryland's HealthChoice §1115 Waiver Renewal, the State is offering local governments the opportunity to request matching federal funds for evidence-based home visiting services for high-risk pregnant women and children up to age 2 (HVS). Each HVS Pilot program will be managed locally by a lead local governmental entity (Lead Entity) that has the ability to fund fifty percent of total HVS Pilot costs with local dollars, provide leadership, and coordinate with key community partners to implement the Pilot. Each Lead Entity will be responsible for identifying other entities that will participate and provide services in the HVS Pilot (Participating Entities).

**Funding Opportunity**

HVS Pilots will be effective starting from July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021, and are expected to receive matching federal funding for the 4 ½ years duration of the waiver. Specifically, up to \$2.7 million in matching federal funds are available annually, and when combined with the local non-federal share, pilot expenditures may total up to \$5.4 million annually. HVS Pilots will be required to report on performance measures and share data for evaluation purposes in order to receive funding.

**Target Population and Evidence-Based Models**

The intent of the Pilot funding is to expand evidence-based home visiting services to Medicaid eligible high-risk pregnant women and children up to age 2. The HVS Pilot program is aligned with two evidence-based models focused on the health of pregnant women.

- a. [Nurse Family Partnership](#) (NFP): The NFP is designed to reinforce maternal behaviors that encourage positive parent child relationship and maternal, child, and family accomplishments. The HealthChoice section 1115 demonstration NFP pilot program will adhere to the NFP national program standards and services will be suspended once the child reaches two (2) years old.
- b. [Healthy Families America](#) (HFA). The HFA model targets parents facing issues such as single parenthood, low income, childhood history of abuse, substance use disorder (SUD), mental health issues, or domestic violence.

| HVS PILOT TIMELINE  | DATES            |
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| Release Letter of Intent request for Community Health Pilots                  | May 10, 2017     |
| Letters of Intent due from Lead Entities to DHMH                              | May 24, 2017     |
| HVS Pilot Application Published by DHMH, FAQs released                        | June 5, 2017     |
| HVS Pilot Application Process Webinar and Review of FAQs                      | June 21, 2017    |
| HVS Pilot Applications due to DHMH  | July 19, 2017    |
| Calls with applicants (clarification & modification discussions)              | July 24-27, 2017 |
| HVS Pilot Award Notifications ( <i>expected, pending final CMS approval</i> ) | August 28, 2017  |
| HVS Pilots Begin (Based upon approved Pilot implementation plans)             | Sept/Oct 2017    |

For further information or questions about the funding application process, please visit the DHMH [website](#) or email [dhmh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov).